





# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1882.

A GERMAN clergyman who was travelling stopped at a hotel much frequented by wags and jokers. The host, not being used to have a clergyman at his table, looked at him with surprise; the guests used all their artillery of wit upon him without eliciting a remark. The clergyman ate his dinner quietly, apparently without observing the gibes and sneers of his neighbours. One of them at last, in despair at his forbearance, said to him, "Well, I wonder at your patience I have not heard all that has been said to you?" "Oh yes; but I am used to it. Do you know who I am?" "No, sir." "Well, I will inform you. I am captain of a lunatic asylum; such remarks have no effect upon me."

The Irish proverb says there are three unlucky things, a crowing hen, a dancing priest, and a Latin-learned woman." To these English superstition adds "a whistling girl." Now why should the fate be cut off from these consolations of men, Latin and whistling? They are already mastering the dead languages, and it seems that they wish to whistle also. We have always held that men and boys whistle, as the poet says, "for want of thought," and that women do not whistle because thought is always plentiful with them. But the *Phrenological Journal* complains that haughty and selfish man will not permit woman to whistle, that he wants to keep whistling all to himself. In support of this claim of man's it may be said that whistling is a nuisance to all but the whistler, and that if half the people in the world do not whistle so much the better. The Greek fable says that Athene threw away the flute (probably it was the common Indian nose-flute) because it distorted his features. Perhaps women do not whistle for the same reason, because it is not becoming to all styles of beauty. We can hardly believe that girls are narrow chested for want of whistling. It is better, however, that they should usurp man's privileges in whistling than in smoking cigarettes, as many of them are inclined to do.

IRELAND, according to a writer in the *Overland Mail*, was once known as "the isle of saints," and there are still people who persist in regarding it as the home of all the virtues, and in declaring that—with the exception of a few misdemeanours for which English misgovernment is responsible—the typical Irishman is an all but blameless character. It is sad to have to part with such a pleasant illusion, but it is not easy to retain it after a perusal of the charge delivered by the Recorder of Dublin to the grand jury at the opening of the Michaelmas sessions. It appears that of offences punishable in a summary manner during last year, there were in England 95,287, in Scotland 74,522, while in Ireland—the green isle of peace and purity—there were no fewer than 156,958, or nearly as many as the English and Scottish totals added together. These figures are surely significant enough in themselves; but their significance is indefinitely increased by the fact that the entire population of Ireland hardly exceeds that of London and its outlying suburbs. It must be remembered also that the nature of the offences hardly admits of the favourite political explanation; for, whatever may be said of landlord-shooting and cattle mutilation, it is certain that pocket-picking, petty larceny, and general drunken black-guardism cannot well be traced to the rule of the hated Saxon.

The scene is in a Paris Police-court. The prisoner at the bar is charged with stealing a hat from a cafe. The complainant: "The defendant pretends that it was a mistake. But will the Court please to look at this hat. I am perhaps the only man in Paris it would fit, for I have probably the biggest head in all the city. So much so that the hatter who has supplied me, father and son, for the last forty-five years, has a mould made expressly for me. Let the defendant put the hat on, and you will see that it cannot be his." Here the complainant handed to the judge a hat that would have fitted one of the colossal statues before the Palace of Versailles. The judge: "It is unnecessary, we can see from here." The defendant: "It is true that I should have discovered my mistake had I put on the hat, but I was holding it in my hand when Monsieur overtook me at the door of the cafe." The complainant: "Of course you were; had you put it on your head it would have dropped over your eyes, and you would not have been able to see your way out. That was the reason why you carried it in your hand." The defendant: "No, the reason was because the weather was so hot." The complainant: "But rain was pouring in torrents." The defendant: "It was a warm rain." The judge (to the complainant): "How came he to take your hat?" The complainant: "I was at the cafe where I have passed my evenings for the last thirty years, playing at dominoes. My adversary had just put down the double-six—" The judge: "Never mind what he played." The complainant: "But that is important. It was the double six that made me discover the theft; I was puzzled what to play, and while reflecting I raised my eyes from the game and in the looking-glass before me saw that my hat had disappeared." I jumped up and asked the waiter what had become of it, and he answered that a stranger had just gone out with it in his hand. I rushed after him." The judge: "That will do." The defendant: "I repeat that it was a mistake. I am incapable of stealing a hat." The complainant: "When he was brought back it was found that there was not a hat to be had in the city. He must have therefore come bareheaded." The defendant: "Some one must have stolen mine." The judge: "But how do you account for the forty-seven hats found at your lodgings?" The defendant: "It is proof that I do not go bareheaded. When a man has forty-seven hats—" The judge: "But they are all different sizes." The defendant: "Because my room is damp. It is well known that damp causes things to shrink." The judge: "But what about those that were too large?" The defendant: "It is the heat. It is the heat that makes things stretch. As for monsieur's hat I am very absent-minded. I have no need of it." The judge, suddenly thinking the defendant had too many hats for a man with an old head, and sentenced him to six months' imprisonment.

THE E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamship *Mennui* left Sydney for this port the 16th ultimo, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 8th proximo.

THE Foochow *Herald* in referring to the recent races observes that "one of the chief Mandarin attended the Meeting on the third day, solely to see the Ladies' Purse run for, and afterwards expressed a wish to be allowed to supplement the prize by bestowing a medal upon each rider in the race, and these were handed to Mr. Allan for distribution." As H.E. the Administrator appears anxious to cultivate the acquaintance of the Viceroy of Canton, we would suggest that a courteous invitation be sent to that "chief Mandarin" to honor Hongkong Races with his presence in February next. With the prospect of a Chinese medal for each rider, a big field for the Ladies' Purse might be safely reckoned on.

ANOTHER old resident has gone to his long home. Mr. James Mulgrave, who for a number of years was turnkey in Victoria Gaol, and lately Inspector of nuisances in the Surveyor General's Department, died this morning at 3:15. The deceased had been in failing health for some time past, and about a fortnight ago it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs on account of some intricate decay in the bone. From the effects of the amputation he never recovered and gradually sank. He leaves a widow and one child to mourn their loss. The deceased will be buried to-morrow, the funeral leaving his residence at 3 p.m. and proceeding to the Catholic Cathedral, going from thence to the Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

THE speech of Mrs. Edgar, in presenting the Ladies' Purse to Mr. H. J. Allan at the recent Foochow Race Meeting, is the best effort at female oratory we have come across for many a day. It is so good that we think it worth reproduction in our columns. The lady in handing over the coveted trophy to the fortunate jockey said—"Mr. Allan, on behalf of the ladies of Foochow, I have now much pleasure in presenting you with this Purse, in recognition of the very excellent horsemanship you have just displayed. From time immemorial, many feats of pluck and endurance, of skill and address, have engaged the keenest sympathy and admiration of our sex. From the days of yore, when the gallant cavalier, entering the lists, bade defiance to all comers, to the present peaceful times of more friend, but not less exciting contests, our interest has been unflagging. It is perhaps somewhat hackneyed, but we cannot help expressing the hope, that the result of this race, may be emblematic of your life. May you ever be thrown into competition with such fair and square rivals—may your every wish and endeavour be crowned with the same speedy and happy success, and when at length you retire from the heated struggle of life, may you be able to look back into a bright vista of bygone days, with the satisfaction that you can now on the race we have just witnessed—the knowledge of no opportunity lost, no chance neglected, a goal striven for and gained. I cannot conclude without expressing our appreciation of so many excellent ponies being brought to the post. And with regard to the unsuccessful riders, may I add—all cannot be winners, and whilst thanking them for their gallant efforts of to-day, will they accept the assurance of our best wishes for success in the future. We are very glad to see that our races are sufficiently attractive to draw riders from other ports, and in making this presentation to you, will you accept our most cordial good wishes!"

## FOOCHOW.

The Race Ball took place on Monday night last at the Club, being well attended, and passing off with the usual success attending such gatherings in Foochow.

We learn that Mr. St Andrews placed in the hands of the Racing Committee a cup of the value of \$200 to be ran for either on the "Off Day" or at the next Spring Meeting, according to the Committee's discretion, and it was decided to reserve the same for the latter event.

In a recent issue we alluded to the unprecedented course of the Governor General paying the periodical half yearly visit to Formosa in the place of Governor Chang. We now learn that the latter having memorialised the throne that no alteration be made in his visit, the Governor General has received an intimation to postpone his visit.

In a previous issue a correspondent commented upon the intention of the Chinese Authorities to put their veto upon the sale of kerosene oil by the natives, and this mandate is now in full force. Not only are the itinerant vendors of the article prohibited, under heavy penalties, from hawking the same, but Chinese shopkeepers, many of whom have a considerable stock on hand, feel compelled now to refuse the supply to regular customers.—*Herald*.

## MAILS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL. The steamers *Moray* and *Arratoon Apcar*, with the next Indian mail, left Calcutta on the 17th instant, and may be expected here on the 1st January.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Union Line steamer *Strathclyde* left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 20th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on the 28th.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenorchy* left Singapore for this port on the 21st instant, and may be expected to arrive here on the 29th.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Helios* left Singapore for this port on the 21st instant, and may be expected to arrive here on about the 29th.

The D. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Stentor* left Singapore on the 22nd instant, and may be expected here on or about the 29th.

The steamship *Mennui* left Sydney for this port on the 16th ultimo, and may be expected to arrive here on about the 8th proximo.

THE *THAMES STREET INDUSTRIES*, by Percy Russell. This Illustrated Pamphlet on Perfumery, published at £1, may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in perfumery in the World. John Gorrell & Co., London. [447]

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